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Title:

Moulded Articles of Cellulose

Hydrate With Enzymatically

Modified Surface

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents **Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 6, 10 and 11, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

Please cancel claims and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims.

1. (Amended) A process for the treatment of tubular foodstuff casings based on cellulose hydrate, which comprises allowing at least one cellulase to act on

